

Date | Time: August 6, 2008
Chair: Sean Ardussi
Recorder: John Beaulaurier
Location: Seattle City Hall, L204

Distribution:

MEMBERS PRESENT

- Sean Ardussi
- Ryan Dean
- Brian Lee
- Rodney Rutherford
- John Beaulaurier
- Deborah Kuznitz
- Naomi Wilson
- Brian Dougherty
- Dongho Chang
- Jeff Frkonja

MEMBERS ABSENT

- Evan Brown
- Sean Cryan

OTHER GUESTS

- Virginia Coffman, SDOT
- Howard Wu, SPAB
- David Hiller, Cascade Bicycle Club
- Tessa Greigor, Cascade Bicycle Club
- Michael Snyder, Seattle Likes Bikes
- Dan Swedlow, Guest
- Eric Brusse, Guest
- Kevin Septor, Guest
- Rick Browning, Guest

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

- Call to order at 6:01pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- July minutes approved

INFORMATION & NEWS

- Michael Snyder
 - Presents written account of Critical Mass incident
 - Compiled various accounts from all available sources
 - Presented documents detailing recent altercation in Mount Baker bicycle tunnel

- Riders being hit with rocks
 - Will be documenting/summarizing future SBAB meetings for Cascade Bicycle Club
- Kevin Septor
 - Would like sharrows on Westlake next to tracks
 - Would like a greater response from SPD in defense of hostilities against cyclists
 - Encourages SPD to ride along with Critical Mass and help diffuse tense situations
 - Would like SBAB to encourage the City Attorney's office to press charges against driver from Critical Mass incident
- David Hiller
 - Will be meeting with City Councilmember Tim Burgess, Police Chief Kerlikowske,,City Attorney Tom Carr, the East Precinct patrol officer that was on duty Friday evening, one of the people assaulted by motorist, two community members and one cyclist who was arrested
 - SBAB member invited as well
 - Will discuss the Critical Mass incident to help diffuse the situation and come to a resolution

UPDATES & MILESTONES

- Virginia Coffman – SDOT update
 - Bike lane/sharrows update
 - 11 miles added this year
 - Ryan – Why are there no facilities on Bell St.?
 - Gina – The route is signed
 - Naomi – The signage along Bell St. seems inconsistent
 - Deborah – Rode to Alki recently and was very confused by lack of signage
 - Gina - Signage plan in place for lower level W. Seattle Bridge
 - Several trouble spots were identified (Ballard Bridge, W. Seattle Bridge, etc)
 - Signs should be installed shortly
 - SDOT will be conducting several workshops during upcoming Pro Walk/Bike conference
 - Naomi – Bike lanes around Greenlake Way have been closed during construction
 - “Bike Lanes Closed” might suggest to drivers that bikers need to get off the road
 - A “Bicycles Merge With Traffic” sign or something similar would be helpful
 - David Hiller – These signs exist already in the traffic shop and are required to be used in this type of situation
 - SBAB will contact Assistant City Auditor Jane Dunkel regarding this issue
 - David – Will provide contact information for city departments that Cascade has been instructed to contact when construction violations are observed.
- Pro Walk/Pro Bike Conference
 - Have invited conference attendees to attend our monthly SBAB meeting
 - Will be held on site at the convention (Westin)
 - Will have a presentation on building effective bike/ped citizen advisory boards
 - Will leave time for an open discussion with conference attendees
 - Attendance still open to the public
- Jeff – Project review proposal
 - SBAB would like to take more active role in specific SDOT projects
 - Meeting occurred at SDOT to pitch the idea, response was positive
 - Director Crunigan understands SBAB's desire to choose which projects it reviews most thoroughly
 - Discussions ongoing

- Could help SDOT avoid design mistakes before they occur
- Could help to maintain a healthy working relationship with the SDOT design teams
- SBAB Project Review Committee will take a first pass look at SDOT projects on the horizon to select sensitive projects
- Due to the limited time window for many capital projects (due to weather), timing will be key
 - Need to get involved when the planning for next year's projects are being designed
- Ryan – It was emphasized that SBAB's involvement wouldn't be a hurdle in the process, but would hopefully run in parallel with design process.
- Need to get involved in the regular flow of information (email lists, etc) so as to avoid being seen as a hurdle
- Project Review Committee will bring a selected list of projects to the whole Bicycle Advisory Board for review and selection
- There are special, major projects within SDOT that are afforded special treatment and might not get the normal pedestrian/bicycle design review that smaller projects are subject to
- Seems to be a desire within SDOT to regularize the design review process so that all projects are subject to the same scrutiny
- Policy Review Committee to try to get the full list of projects from SDOT and present highlighted projects to full Board during September SBAB meeting

REPORTING & VOTING

- Outreach Committee
 - 5 Guiding Principles for homepage have been updated per suggestions from previous SBAB input
 - Deborah – Contact with Gretchen DeDecker regarding bicycle storage at Seattle Public Schools
 - There is no current policy for bike storage
 - Cascade members have sent emails to Seattle School Board regarding lack of bike storage policy
 - SBAB considering drafting a letter on this subject encouraging enacting a policy
 - DPD collaboration – Sean C.
 - Met with Director Sugimora
 - Continuing work Opportunity
 - John drafting a letter to the editor highlighting the need for cyclists to follow traffic laws
- Admin Committee
 - SBAB contacts spreadsheet
 - Departing members will add contact info
 - Last meeting for Brian L., Brian D., Dongho, Rodney
 - All 11 new applicants very well qualified
- Policy Committee
 - Bridging the Gap Oversight Committee
 - Jeff taking over for Dongho when he leaves
 - Final Pedestrian Masterplan to be adopted March 2009
 - Draft to be released end 2008/ beginning 2009
 - Will be conducting a driver behavior survey
 - What types of crosswalks are most effective?
 - Could be useful to collect bike-related information as well
 - SDOT looking at potential budget cuts
 - Bridging the Gap funds are already set aside and won't be effected

- Closing thoughts
 - Opportunity to get involved with Department of Neighborhoods (along with work Sean C. is doing)
 - Might want to follow up with recent presenters at SBAB meetings (Sound Transit, King County DOT)

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned 8:03pm